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Hampton accepting applications for grant money to help prevent youth violence

The City of Hampton is now accepting applications for up to \$10,000 in grant money from the Youth Education and Family Services office.

Applicants should address youth violence and anti-gang strategies, including gang prevention, intervention, education, job training, skill development and family and community development.

The city has appropriated \$50,000 for the Youth Violence Prevention Grant Program for 2013. The maximum single grant will be \$10,000. Recipients are eligible for up to two additional awards, subject to future funding. To be considered for FY2013 funding, the application deadlines are Monday, Nov. 26 and Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Interested organizations should have the capacity to implement evidence-based programs that build resilience in young people and follow practices that identify and focus on those who are at risk of youth violence.

Services may be provided at the individual level by helping to develop pro-social and emotional skills; at the relationship level by establishing a close and consistent mentoring relationship or at the community level by providing comprehensive services to a community or neighborhood.

The City of Hampton is committed to supporting community-based, grassroots programs that address youth violence prevention. We understand that reducing youth violence is not an easy task and involves various levels of partnerships and commitment from the community. The ultimate goal is to stop youth violence before it starts.

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